COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA



ARLINGTON CIRCUIT COURT
Civil Division
1425 NORTH COURTHOUSE RD
ARLINGTON VA
(703) 228-7010

Summons

To: CT CORPORATION SYSTEM 4701 COX RD STE 285 GLEN ALLEN VA 23060-6808 Case No. 013CL22003640-00

The party upon whom this summons and the attached complaint are served is hereby notified that unless within 21 days after such service, response is made by filing in the clerk's office of this court a pleading in writing, in proper legal form, the allegations and charges may be taken as admitted and the court may enter an order, judgment, or decree against such party either by default or after hearing evidence.

Appearance in person is not required by this summons.

Done in the name of the Commonwealth of Virginia on, Wednesday, September 21, 2022

Clerk of Court: PAUL F. FERGUSON

у :

Instructions:

Hearing Official:

Attorney's name:

Jianyi Zhang

900 S. Washington Street, #112

Falls Church, VA 22046

443-535-2541

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Plaintiff in Pro Se

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THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ARLINGTON COUNTY

STATE OF VIRGINIA

Jianyi Zhang

Plaintiff

Case No. CL22 - 3640

CIGNA HEALTHCARE, INC

(CIGNA)

Defendant

CT CORPORATION SYSTEM

4701 Cox Rd Ste 285, Glen Allen

VA, 23060 - 6808

TORT CLAIMS AGAINST

DEFENDANT'S NEGLIGENCE

- 1. From Dec. 2019 to May 2021, Defendant only paid Plaintiff around 1% of the fair-market rate for service provided by Plaintiff.
- 2. Plaintiff contacted Defendant numerous times without a proper response until 28 months later; Defendant refused to reimburse Plaintiff based on fair-market rate.
- 3. As a result of Defendant's negligent behavior, Plaintiff has suffered a tremendous financial loss and mental anguish.

4. WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendant of at least \$41,827 or more.

Jianyi Zhang, Plaintiff in Pro Se

Jurisdiction is proper as Plaintiff runs a business (a medical clinic) in Falls Church, Virginia.

- 1. Plaintiff seeks damages arising from the negligence of CIGNA (Defendant)
- 2. Mistakes made by Defendant caused Plaintiff's financial loss and mental anguish.
- 3. The damages to Plaintiff and Plaintiff's business are under the jurisdictional of the Circuit Court.

VENUE 4. The venue is proper because Plaintiff has functioned in Falls Church, Virginia. Defendant is a registered business in Virginia and has operated a business in Virginia now and then.

FACTS APPLICABLE TO ALL COUNTS

- 5. Plaintiff Jianyi Zhang conducted business as a medical doctor at Falls Church, Virginia 22630.
- 6. Plaintiff, a physician in the CIGNA network as a contract provider, treated patients with addiction problems. Plaintiff ran a chemical analyzer (see attached 1) routinely to verify substances in urine from patients.
- 7. The billing code for the analyzer is 80307; the paying rate for the code ranges from \$69.09-\$71.01, depending on insurance companies (see attached 2 and 3).
- 8. Starting December 2019, Defendant changed her policy and only paid the doctor from \$0.55 to \$0.79 (see attached 4 & 5) without proper knowledge of Plaintiff.
- 9. Since January 2020, Plaintiff contacted Defendant numerous times for the billing issue, by email or phone, but did not receive any response.
- 10. Plaintiff withdrew his participation with CIGNA in May 2021.

- 11. Plaintiff filed a complaint with VA State Corporation Commission (SCC), and Defendant replied on April 4, 2022 (see attached 6), to claim that Defendant sent a notice in November 2019 and said that analyzer work must be done in a third-party lab.
- 12. It took 27 months for Plaintiff to get a reply from Defendant, which breached her duty and violated statutes in the following sections:
- § 38.2-510 Unfair claim settlement practices
- 13. (2) Failing to acknowledge and act reasonably promptly upon communications with respect to claims arising under insurance policies.
- 14. (5) Failing to affirm or deny coverage of claims within a reasonable time after proof of loss statements have been completed.
- 15. (6) Not attempting in good faith to make prompt, fair and equitable settlements of claims in which liability has become reasonably clear.
- 16. (12) Delaying the investigation or payment of claims by requiring an insured, a claimant, or the physician of either to submit a preliminary claim report and then requiring the subsequent submission of formal proof of loss forms, when both contain substantially the same information.
- 17. (13) Failing to promptly settle claims where liability has become reasonably clear under one portion of the insurance policy coverage in order to influence settlements under other portions of the insurance policy coverage.
- 18. (14) Failing to promptly provide a reasonable explanation of the basis in the insurance policy in relation to the facts or applicable law for denial of a claim or for the offer of a compromise settlement.
- § 38.2-3407.15. Ethics and fairness in carrier business practices.
- 19. (3b) Every carrier shall make available to such providers within 10 business days of receipt of a request copies of or reasonable electronic access to all such policies which are applicable to the particular provider or to particular health care services identified by the provider.
- 20. F. Any provider who suffers loss as the result of a carrier's violation of this section or a carrier's breach of any provider contract provision required by this section shall be entitled to initiate an action to recover actual damages.

COUNT I - Negligence

- 21. Plaintiff incorporates the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 22. Defendant failed to respond to Plaintiff in the timely fashion set above.

23. Defendant's in-actions and omissions were a reckless and substantial departure from their duties and constituted negligence.

24, Defendant behaves self-contradictorily, grossly negligent, and intentional, and lacks professional integrity.

25. Defendants' negligence was the direct and proximate cause of the damages suffered by Plaintiff.

26. As a result of the miscoding of the medication, Plaintiff's business sustained a direct loss of over \$10,456.75 in 18 months.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, 27. Plaintiff demands judgment in its favor and against Defendant, individually, jointly, severally, and in the alternative, in the amount of not less than \$10,456.75 for direct business loss as proven during 18 months, together with interest, legal fees, counseling fees, and other reliefs as the case may require.

28. Plaintiffs demands judgment in its favor and against Defendant, individually, jointly, and severally, for not less than \$31,370.25 for Plaintiff's mental anguish, times waited, and punitive damages from January 2020 to the present, together with interest and other reliefs as the case may require.

29. JURY TRIAL REQUEST: Plaintiff respectfully requests a non-jury trial.

Jianyi Zhang

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Falls Church, VA 22046

443-535-2541

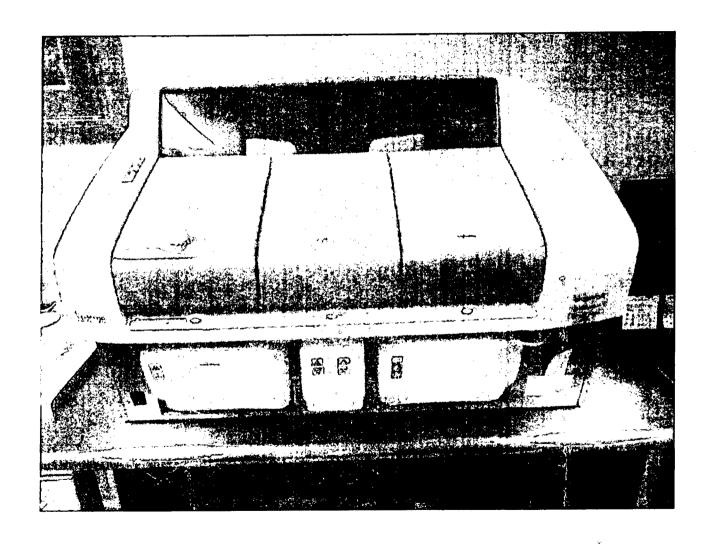
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Plaintiff in Pro Se

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Supplemental documents

| 1 | Analyzer |
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| 2 | / Tricare Payment |
| 3 | Carefirst Payment |
| 4 | CIGNA payment 1 |
| 5 | CIGNA payment 2 |
| 6 · | CIGNA Email on April 4, 2022 |
| 7 | Estimated short payments from CIGNA |



Notice of Payment

ACE CARE LLC

900 S WASHINGTON STREET SUITE 112

FALLS CHURCH, VA 22046

BlueCross. BlueShield.

Page 1 of 2

Date Paid:

11-24-2020 1598910317

NPI Number: Payee Number:

Q9250001

Check Number:

150982882

Inquiries: MAILROOM ADMINISTRATOR

PO BOX 14112

LEXINGTON, KY 40512-4112

Federal Employee Programs

(202) 488-4900

WWW.CAREFIRST.COM

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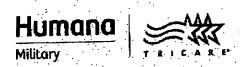
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TRICARE REMITTANCE

If you have questions about this notice, please call toll free 1-800-444-5445. You can also visit us online at HumanaMilitary.com

This is a statement of the action taken on your TRICARE claim. Keep this notice for your records.

ACE CARE, 900 S WASHINGTON ST STE 112, FALLS CHURCH VA 22046 Provider Number: 1093778847

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04V: No separate payment is allowed for this mutually exclusive procedure. Providers have the right to request an allowable charge review. Assigned written request must be mailed no later than 90 days from the date of this notice.

003: If you are not satisfied with our determination of the amount allowed for this item; you have the right to request a review within 90 days of the date of this notice.

682: Claim must be submitted electronically.

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CIGNA HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY P.O. BOX 182223 CHATTANOOGA, TN 374227223

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April 4, 2022

Mrs. Billie White Commonwealth of Virginia P.O. Box 1157 Richmond, VA 23218

Re:

Dept. File #:

126543

Complainant:

Zianyi Zhang, MD

Activity #:

202202568

Dear Mrs. White:

I am responding to your March 10, 2022 letter concerning the above-referenced file number.

To ensure that our customers receive the highest quality health care services at the best value, in 2019, Cigna made the business decision to contract with National Laboratories, Laboratory Corporation of America (LabCorp) and Quest Diagnostics, Inc. (Quest) to exclusively provide certain laboratory services to our customers. As part of that initiative, we added new Current Procedural Terminology codes to affected providers' fee schedules, and adjusted the reimbursement for some laboratory and pathology codes that should be referred to Quest.

Consistent with Va. Ins. Code § 38.2-3407.15, Dr. Zhang was notified of the changes to his fee schedule on September 1, 2019. For your reference. I have attached a specimen copy of the correspondence that we sent to our providers, including Dr. Zhang, concerning this matter.

If you have any questions please call me at 704.540.3541 or email teresa.barie@cigna.com.

Sincerely,

Joseph Barrie

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Total payments are counted from December 2019 to May 2021.

The CIGNA payment with 80307 ranged from \$.55 to \$.79/test, the market rate is between \$71.01-\$69.09 (see attachment 2 & 3).

Assuming average payment from CIGNA is \$0.75 /test, average payment on market rate is \$70,

The total estimated short of payment is (\$70-.\$75)x 151=\$10,456.75.

VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ARLINGTON COUNTY

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JIANYI ZHANG, *

Plaintiff,

v. * Case No. CL-22-003640-00

CIGNA HEALTHCARE, INC., * Hearing Date/Time:
October 21, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

Defendant.

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MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO ANSWER OR OTHERWISE PLEAD IN RESPONSE TO COMPLAINT

Defendant Cigna Healthcare, Inc. ("Cigna"), by its undersigned counsel, hereby requests an extension of time to answer or otherwise plead in response to the Complaint in the above-referenced matter. In support of this Motion, Cigna states:

- 1. On or about September 21, 2022, Plaintiff Jianyi Zhang ("Plaintiff") commenced this action by filing a Complaint. Cigna is the only defendant named in the Complaint. Cigna's Registered Agent, CT Corporation System, received a copy of the Summons and Complaint in this matter on September 29, 2022. Accordingly, Cigna's time to answer or otherwise plead in response to the Complaint currently extends through and including October 20, 2022.
- 2. Defendant alleges in the Complaint that during the relevant time he was a physician who provided services as a contracted provider in the Cigna network. Complaint, ¶ 6. Defendant further alleges that Cigna improperly reimbursed Plaintiff for services during an 18-month period commencing in or about December 2019 and failed to give timely notice to Plaintiff of changes in Cigna's billing practices. *Id.*, ¶¶ 7-12. Although not explicitly alleged in

the complaint, plaintiff's claims pertain to a number of different patients treated over the course of roughly eighteen (18) months.

- 3. Cigna is in the process of investigating the facts and circumstances underlying Plaintiff's claims in order to fully and appropriately respond to this matter. Cigna hereby requests a thirty (30) day extension of Cigna's time to answer or otherwise plead in response to the Complaint until and including November 21, 2022.
- 4. By its undersigned counsel, Cigna attempted to reach Plaintiff by telephone and electronic mail to negotiate an extension of Cigna's time to respond to the Complaint. Plaintiff has not responded to counsel's electronic or voice mail messages.

WHEREFORE, Cigna Healthcare, Inc. respectfully requests that this Court (i) enter an Order granting Cigna an extension of approximately thirty (30) days of Cigna's time to answer or otherwise plead in response to the Complaint; and (ii) grant Cigna such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and appropriate.

Respectfully submitted.

Bradley J. Swallow (VSB No. 32170)

FUNK & BOLTON, P.A. 100 Light Street, Suite 1400

Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Email: bswallow@fblaw.com

410.659.8320 (telephone)

410.659.7773 (facsimile)

Dated: October 11, 2022 Counsel for Defendant, Cigna Healthcare, Inc.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 11th day of October 2022, a copies of the foregoing Motion for Extension of Time to Answer or Otherwise Plead in Response to Complaint and accompanying Praecipe and proposed Order were sent via sent via first-class mail, postage prepaid to the following:

Jianyi Zhang 900 S. Washington Street, #112 Falls Church, Virginia 22046

> Bradley J. Swallow KAT W/ pernusua Bradley J. Swallow

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VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ARLINGTON COUNTY

JIANYI ZHANG,

Plaintiff,

v. Case No. CL-22-003640-00

CIGNA HEALTHCARE, INC.,

Defendant.

MOTION'S DAY PRAECIPE/NOTICE

The Clerk of said Court will please place the above-referenced case on the Civil Motion's Day docket to be called on Friday, October 21, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. for a Motion for Extension of Time to Answer or Otherwise Plead in Response to Complaint filed by Defendant, Cigna Healthcare, Inc.

Bradley J. Swallow (VSB No. 32170)

FUNK & BOLTON, P.A. 100 Light Street, Suite 1400 Baltimore, Maryland 21202 Email: <u>bswallow@fblaw.com</u> 410.659.8320 (telephone) 410.659.7773 (facsimile)

Dated: October 11, 2022 Counsel for Defendant, Cigna Healthcare, Inc.

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JIANYI ZHANG,

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Plaintiff.

* Case No. CL-22-003640-00

CIGNA HEALTHCARE, INC., * Hearing Date/Time:

October 21, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

Defendant.

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO VIRGINIA SUPREME COURT RULE 4:15(b)

Defendant Cigna Healthcare, Inc. by its undersigned counsel, hereby certifies that it made reasonable good faith efforts to confer with the Plaintiff Jianyi Zhang to resolve this matter or to determine a mutually agreeable date and time for hearing prior to filing the Motion for Extension to Time to Answer or Otherwise Plead in Response to the Complaint filed in the above-referenced matter.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 11th day of October 2022, a copy of the foregoing Certification Pursuant to Virginia Supreme Court Rule 4:15(b) was sent via sent via first-class mail, postage prepaid to the following:

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JIANYI ZHANG,

Plaintiff,

Case No. CL-22-003640-00

CIGNA HEALTHCARE, INC.,

Defendant.

CONSENT ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Upon the Motion filed by Defendant Cigna Healthcare, Inc. ("Cigna") for an extension of time to answer or otherwise plead in response to the Complaint filed in this action and Plaintiff

Jianyi Zhang having consented to the relief requested in the Motion, it is, by the Circuit Court for Arlington County, Virginia, hereby

ORDERED, that the Motion shall be, and hereby is, GRANTED; and it is further ORDERED, that Cigna shall be, and hereby is, granted an extension, until and including November 21, 2022, of Cigna's time to answer or otherwise plead in response to the Complaint.

Judge, Circuit Court of Arlington County, Virginia

Entered this ____ day of October 2022

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